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## ***P-47 Thunderbolt ... ... heads for a new home***



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Epperson

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# **Fitness center named Air Force's best in 2001**

**By Senior Airman Josh Clendenen**  
21st SW Public Affairs

If you've been to the fitness center lately, you've probably noticed some major changes. The cardiovascular room has been expanded and is now air-conditioned, there is more equipment throughout the center and the staff has added many new and diverse programs to their list of activities.

Such improvements helped the fitness center earn the Air Force nod as the best fitness center for 2001.

The center and staff excelled in such areas as innovation, management, customer satisfaction and operational

Colorado Room—the second half of which opened in late June—and that alone added 3,200 square feet of space to the facility," Duell said. "We now have 70 pieces of equipment in that room alone."

Of the new additions, the facility has two cardio-theaters with 16 televisions and eight radio stations available for use for those with their own headphones.

"You can watch different shows on TV depending on where you set yourself up, or listen to any of the radio stations," she said.

Along with the expanded cardio room, the center offers 84 special programs per year for patrons from Peterson

Marines all have different standards, Duell said it's a challenge to each service's needs.

"We have about 2,100 members during the summer months and between 3,100 during the winter months out of the facility," she said. "The expansion simply adds to the package."

Another aspect of the continued expansion. The Wellness Center is under construction to add 3,200 square feet to the facility. The door track is undergoing renovation to rubberize the track, and a light system will light the entire area, allowing for play soccer and flag football in the evening.

of Air Combat Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters.

Jumper earned his undergraduate degree from the Virginia Military Institute in Virginia, and completed Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He received a Master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University in California, and then attended the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Photo by Staff Sgt. L.

**Gen. John P. Jumper was nominated by the president Monday to be the next Air Force chief of staff. Jumper is currently the commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va.**

## What happens when I use the Department of Defense IG Hotline to file a complaint?

*This article is a reprint of guidance in the "TIG Brief", the Air Force General's quarterly magazine. For more information, see the 21st Air Force Webpage (via Pete Central).*

The purpose of the Department of Defense IG Program is to build public trust in the Department of Defense. A key element in implementing this program is a credible and responsive command, waste and abuse programs. Complaints filed with an IG through a Hotline are processed in a manner consistent with IG complaints. However, Hotline complaints have unique reporting requirements of Defense IG. Normally, following a complaint via a Hotline, the IG will attempt to contact you and discuss your concerns and the issues involved. This contact is to gather relevant information from you in order to properly investigate and determine the most appropriate resolution strategy.

The IG will refer your complaint to the agency that is better suited to investigate the matters you raised. For example: if you allege fraud, which is criminal in nature, the IG may refer the complaint to the law enforcement agency. In some cases, the IG may refer the allegations to the agencies or individuals such as

the Defense Finance and Accounting Service or a primary contracting officer. If deemed appropriate, the IG will conduct an IG investigation.

If the IG refers a complaint to another agency, the IG will continue to monitor the complaint to ensure that the case is properly resolved and reporting requirements are completed. Additionally, the IG will ensure that a formal decision has been made concerning corrective actions as a result of substantiated findings. In closing your Department of Defense Hotline complaint, the agency responsible for resolution is required to provide the Department of Defense IG with the findings by completing a Hotline Completion Report (HCR). An HCR is a stand-alone document that provides all necessary background information and communicates the results of the investigation to the Department of Defense IG. An HCR may be accompanied by additional documentation such as a law enforcement report, an IG Report of Investigation, or the results of an audit.

The Department of Defense Hotline Program is truly a valuable tool that focuses attention on areas of concern. The program provides a timely, thorough and independent response to Department of Defense stakeholders. (Courtesy of the "TIG Brief", July-August 2001 issue)

## Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade

### Action line

### Submitting Action Line

The Action Line (556-7777 or by fax: 556-7848) is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice concerns over unsolved problems, share good ideas or provide some constructive criticism.

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for using your chain of command. Action Line can help make the Peterson Complex a better place to live and work.



Brig. Gen. Bob Peterson

**Q.** We have a lot of nice-looking aircraft on display around the base. But, since the mission is moving from an air force to an aerospace force, when will we be able to get launch vehicles and satellites on display?

**A.** Thanks for your positive comments. Our museum has made great improvements over the past year and we are really working hard to preserve the display as established at the museum.

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 “In all probability, some of them  
 were not (met),” he said. “But the early  
 indications are that we have perform-  
 ance in every one of the objectives of  
 the test.”  
 Full test results would be available  
 in two months, he said.  
 This is the first launch in support  
 of the program this year. The last launch  
 took place July 7, 2000.  
 As the missileers cheered their  
 success, airmen from Vandenberg’s  
 30th Security Forces Squadron took  
 four Greenpeace members into custody  
 for trespassing on Vandenberg’s  
 Minuteman and Brown beaches during  
 the launch operation.  
 Vandenberg’s 76th Helicopter  
 Flight performed a medivac rescue mis-  
 sion for two of the trespassers, who had  
 been in the waters off the beaches. They  
 were treated for hypothermia.  
 The four were later transferred to  
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*(Courtesy of Air Force Print  
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## Staff sergeant promotion percentage hits all-time

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force has selected 20,793 of 32,170 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for the 01E5 cycle, an overall 64.63-percent selection rate.  
 This is the highest promotion rate in the 30-year history of the Weighted Airman Promotion System, Air Force Personnel Center officials here said.  
 The selection rate represents a 13.89-percent increase from last year’s previous record of 50.74 percent.  
 The average selectee this year has 1.95 years time in grade and 4.73 years in service.  
 In June, the technical and master sergeant promotion rates were also at an all-time high. These record-setting percentages continue partly because of force stabilization.  
 “During the drawdown in the early to mid-’90s we just weren’t able to promote people because there were limited vacancies,” said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley, enlisted promotion and military testing branch chief here. “Now that the force has settled and end-strength numbers have leveled off, we’ve got more vacancies.”  
 More vacancies have been created by more first- and second-term airmen than expected choosing not to re-enlist the past couple of years. When ‘retention’ is low, it leads to more staff sergeant slots that are then filled through promotions, he said.  
 A 2-year-old Air Force initiative that increases the number of E-5, E-6 and E-7 vacancies has also improved

Previously, the percentage of “top five”  
 sioned officers was limited to 48.5 percent of  
 force, a number that officials here anticipate w  
 rise.  
 “We think these opportunities, with earli  
 and pay increases, should be a great incentive  
 stay in the Air Force,” Haley said.  
 People who tested will receive score noti  
 let them see how their Promotion Fitness Exa  
 Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank again  
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 Specialty Code.  
 The average score for those selected was  
 based on the following averages:  
 — 130.00 points for enlisted performance  
 — 50.43 points for promotion fitness exa  
 — 52.60 points for specialty knowledge  
 — 17.96 points for time in grade;  
 — 11.71 points for time in service; and  
 — 0.84 points for decorations.  
 Those selected will be promoted to  
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 The complete list of selectees will be  
 AFPC home page by July 21. *(Courtesy of*

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DeCA is committed to leveraging technology so our patrons can get the most out of their commissary benefit. We've worked hard to make our new features as customer-friendly as possible, and we invite all our patrons to use it."

Features include:

**Savings Aisle:** Located in the site's "shopping" section, the savings aisle lets visitors see what's on special at their local commissary.

can go here for the latest news and information.

**Contact DeCA:** Visitors can send ideas and requests in a format designed to receive an appropriate level of response.

**Search:** The "search" feature is located at the top right corner of each Web page to help visitors quickly find the information they want.

"Web technology enables the site designers to customize

said Corinna Russell, web project manager. "For example, the design behind the 'savings aisle' provides visitors with only those items that are available at the commissary they select. The data files are automatically refreshed on a daily basis so they show only today's values," Russell said. The pages use the customized information approach. Each commissary maintains its

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e surcharge for? How can we get more don't you stock more Kosher and ucts? How can I special-order my of marinade? Why don't you sell fresh just a few of the questions members of r Force Base commissary focus group

asked during their quarterly meetings held in the commissary conference room.

The group's participants recently met with store administrator Karen Chaney to ask questions and get answers.

"This is your meeting, your group," said Chaney, who shared information on ongoing changes and improvements.

Chaney said the improvements underway are the result of suggestions made at earlier focus group meetings.

For example, she said the commissary is considering purchasing books for the deli and produce departments that depict vegetable, fruit and deli trays that will be available to the customer as special order items.

Chaney told the group that the commissary stocks more than 18,365 line items and that if they

want a particular item or have a special c fill out a request card.

"We'll do whatever we can to try date you," she assured focus group men

A key point, Chaney explained, is commissary staff puts into ensuring cust tion. Prices affect satisfaction and Chan commissary customers pay almost 30 perc commissary than at a grocery store off l

The five percent surcharge is used sary construction and renovation Chan explained all of the infrastructure impro be paid for out of the surcharge fund.

According to Chaney, input from p group meetings has made a difference commissary serves its customers.

If you're interested in participati group, call the store director at 556-776

n Spain, near the Mediterranean Sea, st-kept secrets in Air Force Space Morón Air Base, home of 18th Space Surveillance Squadron. erates the Morón Optical Space ystem, an electro-optical telescope ects, tracks, and identifies all geo-syn-emi-synchronous satellites in orbit orial belt over the European theater. s data collected to the Space Control ne Mountain Air Force Station, lp maintain worldwide satellite cata- orbital locations of more than 9,000 e. Able to track objects as small as a rbits from 3,000 to 20,000 miles lays an integral role in providing al awareness for the commander of



Courtesy photo

, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron, Moron Air

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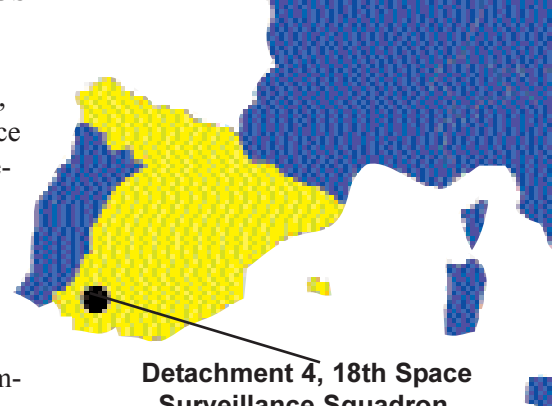
Det.. 4, a geographically separated unit, belongs to the 18th Space Surveillance Squadron, Edwards Air Force Base, California. The 15 space operations, maintenance and information management members assigned to the detachment are responsible for the only permanent operational U.S. Air Force space mission in Spain.

One assignment highlight is the high responsibility standard each team member experiences. With a single officer on site, enlisted members perform functions routinely accomplished by officers. For instance, the chief of operations standardization and evaluation is a staff sergeant, and the operations training team is led by a senior airman. Operational crews are manned by one operator and one maintainer, both of whom are often senior airmen.

In addition to significant job satisfaction, Det.. 4 members' benefits include a beautiful place to spend their off-duty time. Senior airman Jeff

Schlabs, NCOIC of operations training, called it "one of the most beautiful places in Europe." Within miles of several great historical sites, tourists can visit Alhambra Palace, which is a classic example of Moorish architecture; Toledo, where Europe's premier sword makers have perfected their craft, or Sevilla, home of the third largest Christian cathedral in the world and the site of Christopher Columbus' tomb.

Although Det.. 4 is a relatively new unit, MOSS has been a part of the Space Surveillance Network for over a decade. MOSS was initially deployed in June 1990 as the



**Detachment 4, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron, Moron Air Base, Spain**

Transportable Optical System, the optical component of the Combined Radio-Frequency Surveillance System, located at San Vito, Italy. The system was fielded to replace the Baker-Nunn optical telescope. During the system was operated by Det.. 1, 73rd Surveillance Group. That detachment was closed in September 1993 when San Vito Air Base closed. TOS was re-deployed in June 1994 assigned to the newly established Det.. 4. It reached initial operational capability in 1998.

Major James Forand, detachment commander, commended his people and the work they do to support the mission. "The system is one-of-a-kind, cutting-edge technology. Our mission impacts operations across the board, and our members offer some of the best leadership in the command," he said. "In addition, the local community are perfect for families of all folks alike. The cultural diversity and hospitality found in Southern Spain help make these the best assignments anywhere in the world."

*(Steininger was formerly stationed at)*



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Individuals aren't the only ones competing for prizes in the program.

Each AFSPC space wing is competing for dollars to be added to its quality-of-life programs.

Each base must finish its ATWIND mission.

At the end of the program, August 31, the base with the highest participation level will be awarded \$55,000. Second place will receive \$25,000, and third will earn \$10,000.

Several geographically separated units within the commands are also eligible. They are competing among themselves for \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000.

For more information on ATWIND, log on to the Web site at [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com), call the ATWIND hotline at 1-888-597-9960, or contact Services.

**ATWIND Activities**

The following are activities where you can get an ATWIND game piece:

- Today- the outdoor recreation overnight canoe and camping trip.
- Saturday- the community activities center trip to Mountain Spirit Winery.
- Sunday- The Chapel picnic and the outdoor recreation rafting trip.
- Monday- the community center's trip to Central City and the Blackhawk Youth Center Youth Soccer Camp.
- Tuesday- youth center soccer camp.
- Wednesday- youth center soccer camp.
- Thursday- the community center trip to Mt. Evan's and the youth center soccer camp.
- July 27- the youth center soccer camp.



Senior Airman M



Courtesy map



recently returned from a break in active service, might want to check what their pay will be July 13, AFPC officials said.

The recommendation is being made because some airmen with pay-status changes in May and June were not paid correctly at the end of June.

Officials here believe many of the problems have been ironed out.

"We can't say there will be no problems for this payday," said Lt. Col. Richard Treasure, AFPC chief of systems requirements. "We could never guarantee that. But most, if not all, of those who were shorted expected pay or bonuses the last one or two pay periods should see their full pay restored, along with a lump sum that makes up for what they have missed."

The glitch that caused problems has been identified and fixed, Treasure said. The

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of tetanus resulting from the  
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the United States most people  
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vaccinations," said Col. Dana  
Bradshaw, chief of preventive  
medicine, Air Force Surgeon  
General's Office. "Even so,  
any adult or adolescent who  
experiences a tetanus-prone  
wound and has not had a  
tetanus booster in the last five  
years should, as always, con-  
sult their local health-care  
provider immediately to  
receive the vaccine and proper  
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Boosters are routinely  
given every 10 years. How-  
ever, in the event of an injury  
such as a cut, puncture or burn  
that has been contaminated, a  
booster is recommended if the  
injured person has not received  
a tetanus booster within five  
years.

Today, 89 percent of Air  
Force people are up-to-date on  
their tetanus status.



Photo by Senior Airman M

Recruits who have  
recently joined the Air Force  
are the largest group to be  
deferred as a result of the short-  
age, Bradshaw said.

"We highly encourage  
our trainees to promptly report  
any wounds they think may put  
them at risk for tetanus," he  
said. People who are planning  
leisure travel to Third World or  
developing countries where the  
risk of contracting diphtheria is  
especially high should discuss  
their travel plans and immu-  
nization record with their  
health-care provider.

As a precaution, deploy-

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tized for Td boosters, the  
colonel said.

Parents should be aware  
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children up to the age of 6.

Air Force medical facili-  
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...Pet therapy is an ice  
breaker," Silverstein said.  
He has found that gentle  
dogs tend to make people feel  
more relaxed, help them ease  
into therapy sessions and pro-  
mote good rapport with  
clients.  
He estimated about  
three-quarters of the patients  
have consented to having the  
dogs present and look forward  
to coming in and seeing the  
dogs as a part of their therapy  
session.  
Like other medical pro-  
fessionals, Doc Ashley wears  
an identifying nametag, which  
dangles from her neck as she  
trots over to greet visitors. Her  
demeanor suggests hospitality  
and an easy acceptance, which  
Silverstein said, is not unusual  
for Labradors.  
She and the other support  
center staff maintain busy  
work schedules. They see a  
daily average of 20 patients  
seeking help for problems like  
adjusting to military life,  
depression, and dealing with  
family and relationship prob-  
lems.  
"For the most part, the  
dog will greet a person as they  
come in," he said. "Then typi-  
cally, after the first 10 min-  
utes, they just sit, sleep and do  
what dogs do. For sleeping,  
Ashley prefers her rug. She  
remains alert to their environ-  
ment and knows when to react  
if a person becomes emotional  
or cries."  
To qualify for certifica-  
tion, dogs have to be at least a  
year old, have all their immu-  
nizations and get along well  
with people. Special trainers  
observe a dog's temperament  
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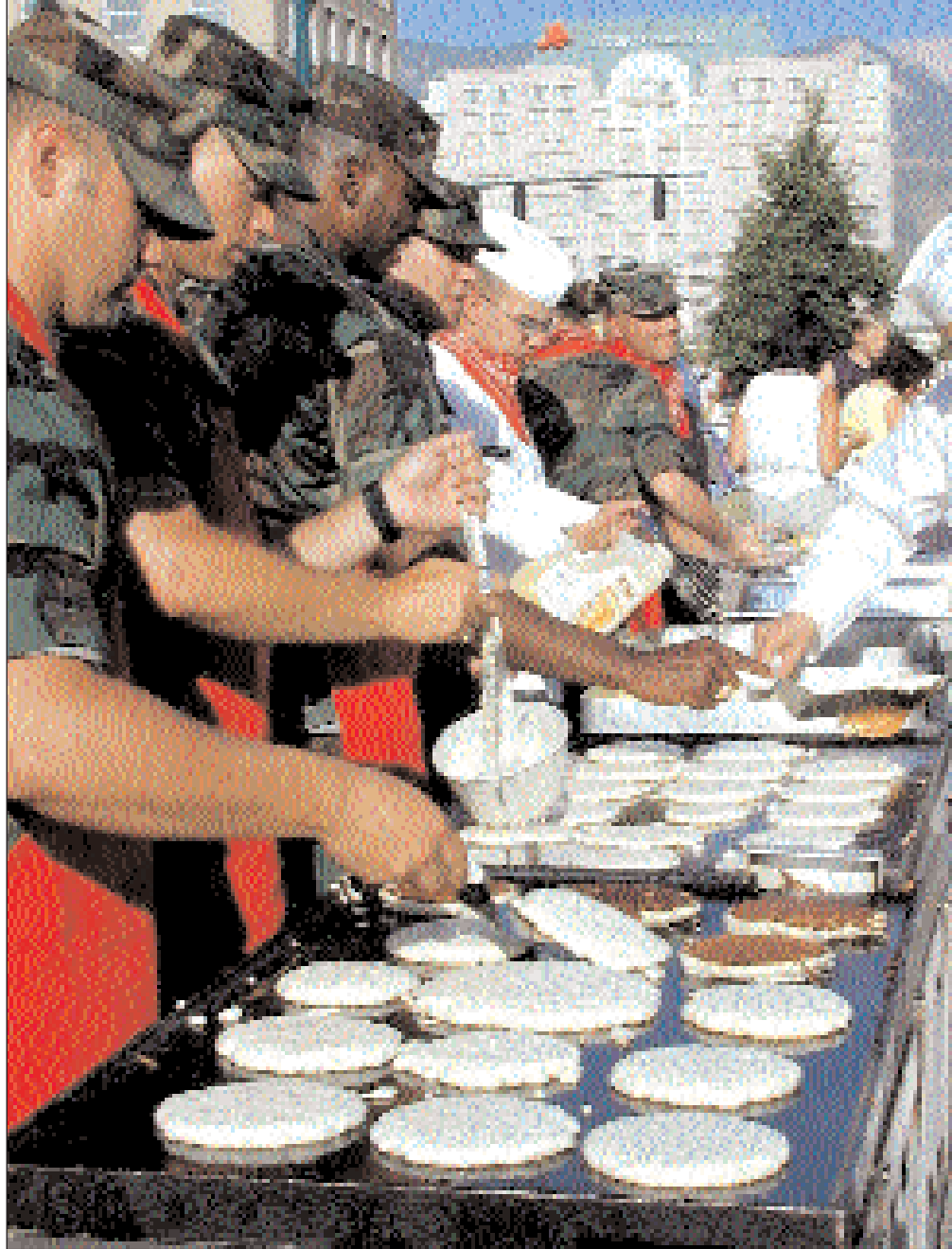
able at the Peterson  
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Call 556-7671 for tickets or  
for more information.  
*(Information courtesy of  
Fort Carson Public Affairs)*



**Rocky Mountain Range Riders bid farewell as they head out on their final ride through the Rocky Mountains.**



**Soldiers take a much needed break after making thousands of pancakes.**



Photos

**Army soldiers from Fort Carson prepare pancakes for the 61st annual Pikes Peak Street Breakfast. The soldiers prepared more than 22,000 eggs, 1,100 flour and 1,100 gallons of coffee for the thousands in attendance.**





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**CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITY:**  
Care is an Air Force program that  
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**E IN HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
Air Force Base flight surgeon's office  
operation will change Aug. 1. The  
l be Mondays through Fridays, 7:30  
If you have questions, call 556-1187.

## **Enlisted Club 556-4194**

**BUFFET:** A family buffet featuring  
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**LIAN BARBECUE:** A Mongolian  
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## **Officers' Club 556-4194**

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Seminars are scheduled to start in early August and  
will run until June 2002. The program is open to  
active duty, guard, and reserve colonels, lieutenant  
colonels, and lieutenant colonel-selectees (or the  
equivalent) of any component of the U.S. armed  
forces and civilian employees (GS/GM-13 or above).  
Applications for enrollment into the seminar program  
are now being accepted. To enroll, use the application  
form available at [www.au.af.mil/au/awc/enrolppr.htm](http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/enrolppr.htm).  
The next seminar academic year begins August 2002.  
For more information, contact Mike Madsen at 556-  
7738.

**AIR COMMAND and STAFF COLLEGE:**  
The Air Command and Staff College seminar will  
start in August. Majors or major-selects from all  
services are eligible to enroll, as are GS-11s and  
above. Application forms available at the education  
center. After Tuesday, the education office will enter  
the enrollments into the base level personnel man-  
agement system, which flows to Air University.  
Course material will be mailed directly to students  
once enrollment has been processed. The material  
will consist of a multi-media CD-ROM and course  
books. Seminars meet for about 10 1/2 months,  
three hours per week. The number of missed ses-  
sions per student is no longer a factor, and atten-  
dance will not be tracked or recorded. For more  
information, call Lisa Simon at 556-7392.

**TOP UP LAW CHANGE:** Under a new law  
signed by the president last month, the amount of  
benefit a person uses will reduce his or her  
Montgomery GI Bill entitlement. "Entitlement" is  
the number of months of MGIB benefits people are  
entitled to use. The amount of entitlement charged  
for top up payments is determined by dividing the  
amount of top-up payments by a person's full-time  
institutional rate. The present full-time rate is \$650  
per month which means that one month of entitle-  
ments will be charged for each \$650 paid out by the  
VA under the Top Up program. This provision is  
retroactive, so people who already received pay-  
ments will be affected.

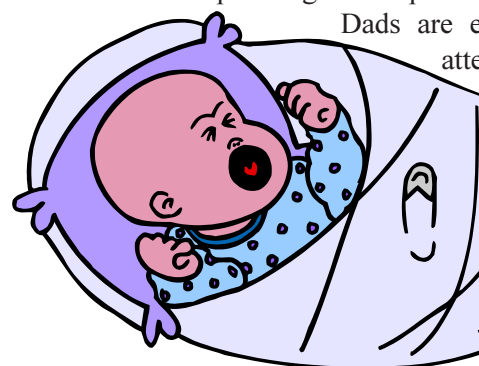
## **Finance 556-4770**

**ATTENTION TRAVELERS:** When submit-  
ting travel vouchers for payment, include three copies  
of your orders, three copies of your voucher and  
receipts for airline tickets, billeting, rental car and any  
purchase over \$75.

## **Family Advocacy 556-8943**

**ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASSES:** Learn  
ways to successfully express anger and increase your  
ability to recognize and cope with feelings of anger.  
Classes will be Thursday, and Aug. 2 and 9, 2-4 p.m.

spouse of a USAF active duty member,  
ed to attend the bundles for babies class  
Air Force Aid Society. Learn about bu-  
baby and how to calm a baby. All eligi-  
will receive a special gift complimen-



**JOB ORIENTATION:** For an ov-  
local job market and a look at how fami-  
help with your job search, sign up for th-  
offered Thursday or Aug. 2, 1-2:30 p.m.

**INVESTMENT SEMINAR:** The  
be taught in two parts, Tuesday and  
p.m. The topics of discussion will be  
mutual funds and exchange traded  
expense ratios, loads and no loads. The  
be Professor James Agresta. The semi-  
Building 350, Suite 107. Call 556-6141

**RESUME REVIEW CLASS:** T  
resume review class Thursday and July  
To take full advantage of this class, bring  
of your resume. The employment team v-  
on ways to improve your product in o-  
the job you have targeted.

**CHOOSING THE "RIGHT" SC**  
Peterson relocation assistance program  
booklet entitled, "Choosing Eler  
Secondary Schools." Questions parents  
school checklist, informational resourc-  
valuable suggestions are included in thi-  
a copy, stop by the family support cent-

## **Youth Center 556-7220**

**INDOOR SOCCER:** Sign up for  
until the end of July. The season starts

**SPORTS DEPARTMENT:** The  
department needs volunteers to coach  
basketball and flag football.

**YOUTH BASEBALL:** The you-  
host youth baseball games Saturday at  
at the youth fields.

**MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**  
major league soccer camp is planned  
through July 28, 5-7 p.m. Call 556-7-  
information.

**HALF COURT CONTEST:** A h-  
test at the teen center is slated for to-  
There will be prizes for winners.



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cer after completing Reserve  
Officer Training Corps at the  
University of Puerto Rico. I  
remember the day my class-  
mates and I received our  
orders. Assignment locations  
varied from Eglin Air Force  
Base, Fla., to Randolph AFB,  
Texas.

Then it was my turn to  
open my orders envelope. I  
slowly scanned the words  
**"GRAND FORKS, NORTH  
DAKOTA."**

After my classmates'   
laughter subsided, I decided to  
look in an atlas to find my

Air Force was sending me to  
the frozen north. It was cruel  
and unusual punishment for a  
young man from Puerto Rico,  
and I thought someone at the  
Air Force Personnel Center  
was playing a cruel joke on  
me.

Sensing my disappoint-  
ment, my father—a wise and  
seasoned 30-year Army veter-  
an—pulled me aside and told  
me what I am about to share  
with you.

"The Air Force chose  
you to go to North Dakota to  
fill a mission requirement that

career takes you, plant your  
roots, grow and blossom."  
With those simple words  
my father brought home the  
fact that I was now a vital link  
in the defense of our country.  
My worries vanished and the  
vast possibilities that this  
assignment offered became  
clear.

Over the last 12 years,  
my career has taken me on a  
tour of such Air Force garden  
spots as Goodfellow AFB,  
Texas; Osan Air Base,  
Republic of Korea; Pope AFB,  
N.C. and Guantanamo Bay,

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## Services airmen pro quality-of-life progr during deployments

**By Senior Airman Elizabeth Squires**  
21st Services Squadron

The Air Force can't deploy and successfully  
it's mission without services airmen. About 53 pe  
people in services are airmen and we are the sour  
quality of life while you're deployed.

The first important service we provide is loc  
you arrive at a deployed location, a services airm  
promptly greet you and provide you with accomm

After getting a bed assignment, you'll probab  
gry. You're in luck because we will also prepare a  
delicious meals you eat while you are deployed.

To accomplish this, services airmen wake lo  
most of their fellow deployed members to ensure  
have a hot meal to begin your day. We also supp  
workers with late evening meals, which means w  
work after most of you have gone to bed.

Physical fitness is a vital part of our military  
addition to feeding and sheltering you, services a  
that you have access to the proper equipment and  
keep you fit, healthy and able to do your job to th  
your ability.

When it's your turn to relax, we provide dep  
patrons with field recreation activities. Where ev  
services provides programs that allow you to esca  
sures of your job and your surroundings, and help  
with the distance between you and your loved on  
it is a tour of a local attraction or videos you can  
services airmen work to make sure your recreatio  
met.

During an extended deployment we also pro  
venient field exchange operation. This operation  
with those special little items you miss from hom



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Sports and Fitness  
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program co-director. As such, she is responsible for 48 softball teams, 10 billiards teams, and six soccer teams. Under her supervision the program expanded, supporting customer requests.

Her professionalism, dedication and outstanding customer service skills ensure that the intramural program is the best possible for patrons, according to Frame's supervisor.

Frame was instrumental in the Peterson Fitness and Sports Center earning awards as best fitness center in Air Force Space Command and the Air Force.



Photo by Senior Airman Mel

## Airmen's Attic, here to help

**Toni Haines (left), Airmen's Attic volunteer director, explains the process of receiving a "large item" to Senior Airman Louis Moreno, who has been in the area for just one week. The attic is open Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For after-hours donations, there is a drop-off area behind the thrift store. Donations may not be left on the street.**

scored early in the first half, but evened things up before time half.

ay through the second half, 21st d two more goals, bringing the

hed the ball hard on offense,

this year's champs.

The 21st SVS ended a good playoff performance as runner-up.

"We put together a great run during the playoffs and knocked the number one seed out of the tournament on the way to the championship game," said Pat Bennett, 21st SVS.



Photo by Brandi Denham



Photo

**Above: Harold Keck (right), 21st SVS, slashes Jose Hernandez, 21st CES, in an attempt to steal the ball.**  
**Left: Players converge on the ball during intramural soccer action July 13.**



**Mountain wallyball tournament** - A Mountain Air Force Station wallyball tournament is slated for Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 556-1515 for more information.

**Registration** - The next session of children's registration begins Monday. Call 556-4608 for more information.

**Jobs** - The Peterson Air Force Station has openings for one male and one female, one Tae Kwon Do instructor and one construction instructor. Contact Senior Airman Scott Hackney at 556-1515 for details.

**Weekend** - Services has scheduled a weekend scheduled for July 28-29. The weekend is \$120 for adults and \$75 for children 16-18. Participants will earn one

receive one ATWIND game piece. Call 556-4867 for more information and to register.

**Fly tying classes** - Fly tying classes are held the second Wednesday of each month from 6-8 p.m. in Building 675 (outdoor recreation). A volunteer instructor will teach class members how to tie three basic flies. The next classes are scheduled for Aug. 8 and Sept. 12. The cost of the class is \$10 and participants must register by 1 p.m. the Monday before each class. Call outdoor recreation at 556-4867 for more information.

**Rafting** - Rafting trips are scheduled by Scott Hackney for each Saturday and Sunday during the summer. The three trips offered are Parkdale for \$45, Brown's Canyon for \$50 and the Royal Gorge for \$55. Trip participants earn one ATWIND game piece. Call 556-4867 for details.

## Registration for Sharing Tournament Aug. 3 8 a.m.

Registration  
for E-4 and  
for E-5 and  
d civilians.  
Include green  
and drawing  
prizes.  
Must sign up by  
July 27.  
Master Sgt.  
e Lewis  
556-4001.

## Submit your Comments to the Observer

Comments must be  
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There is a registration fee of \$5.  
Participants are responsible for their own green fees and rentals.  
Participants must register by Monday.  
Contact Sgt. Robert Bostick or Staff Sgt. John Miller at 556-4001.

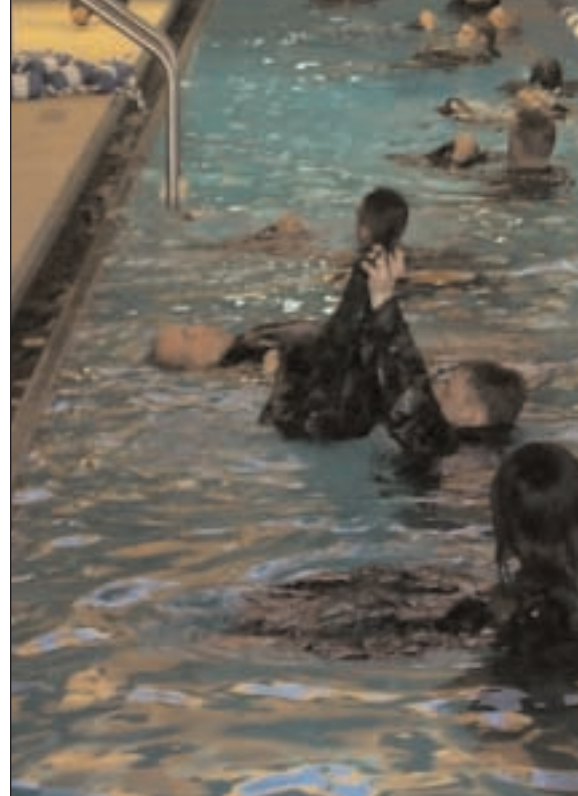


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## Army Drownproofing

Members of U.S. Army Space Command receive their yearly requirement of water awareness training at the aquatics center. "Army Drownproofing" is a training exercise where soldiers learn how to survive in water while wearing battle dress uniform. Instructors teach students how to float, how to tread water and how to make a flotation device out of BDUs.

## Intramural softball standings

	Wins	Losses	As of
<b>Thursday co-ed league</b>			
1. 21 WS	5	1	
2. HQ AFSPC	3	2	
3. Team Co	3	3	
4. 10 MDG	2	3	
5. 21 CES	1	5	
<b>Tuesday recreation league</b>			
1. HQ AF/SC	8	0	
2. 721 COM	8	2	
3. 21 OSS	6	3	
3. AFSPC	6	3	
5. 721 SFS	5	3	
6. HQ AF/BA	0	1	
8. Det. 4		3	5
9. 721 CES	3	6	
9. J5	3	6	
11. MSS	2	6	
12. 21 CES	1	7	
12. 84 ALF	2	8	

### Wednesday recreation league

1. 10 MDG	7	1
2. AFMC	6	1
3. 21 CW	6	2